

APPENDIX X.X.X.

PRINCIPLES FOR RECOGNISING A COUNTRY OR
ZONE HISTORICALLY FREE FROM SCRAPIE

Article x.x.x.1.

Introduction

This Appendix outlines principles for declaring a country or zone free from scrapie.

An essential prerequisite to provide the guarantees required for the recognition of freedom from disease/infection is that the *Veterinary Services* of the Member Country comply with the provisions of Chapter 1.3.3. on evaluation of *Veterinary Services*, and, if relevant, with the provisions of Chapter 1.3.5. on zoning and regionalisation.

The provisions of this Appendix are based on the principles developed in Chapter 1.3.6. and the following premises:

- 1) the sheep population of the country or zone includes a range of genotypes known to be susceptible to scrapie;
- 2) the *Veterinary Services* have the competence, capacity and mandate to investigate, diagnose and report scrapie, if present;
- 3) the absence of scrapie over a long period of time can be substantiated by effective disease investigation and reporting by the *Veterinary Services* of an OIE Member Country.

Article x.x.x.2.

Requirements to declare a country or zone free from scrapie

1) **Historically free**

A country or zone may be recognised free from scrapie without having applied the requirements of Article 2.4.8.3. when:

- a) scrapie has been notifiable for at least 25 years, and
- b) a formal programme of targeted surveillance and monitoring can be documented as having been in place for at least 10 years, and
- c) the presence of a range of scrapie-susceptible genotypes in the sheep population can be documented, and
- d) appropriate measures to prevent scrapie introduction can be documented as having been in place for at least 25 years, and

EITHER

- i) scrapie has never been reported;

OR

- ii) no case of scrapie has been reported for at least 25 years
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